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EVENT: National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

LOCATION: San Bruno Police Department

DATE: April 30, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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On Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the San Bruno Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the San Bruno Police Department at 1177 Huntington Avenue. (The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharp objects - only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that traditional methods for disposing of unused medicines, including flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, pose potential safety, health, and environmental hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30th Take Back Day Event, go to the [DEA Office of Diversion Control site](http://www.dea.gov/diversion-control).